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Branch Hydrographic Office, San Francisco, January 4th.—
Captain J. H. TRASK of the steamer Sonoma reports to this office that on December 2, 1915, in latitude south $22^{\circ} 08'$, longitude east $177^{\circ} 47'$, passed thru large quantities of pumice dust and stones. The whole mass had a dirty green color and extended for several miles around the ship.

CHARLES P. HUFF,
Lieut.-Com. U. S. N., in charge.
(*S. F. Chronicle*, Jan. 5, 1916.)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, HELD IN
THE ROOMS OF THE SOCIETY ON JANUARY
29, 1916, AT 7:30 P. M.

There were present: President R. G. AITKEN and Directors TOWNLEY, CUSHING, COSTA, MARKWART, CORNISH, LEUSCHNER and RICHARDSON.

Communication was read from Prof. W. J. HUSSEY, Director of the Detroit Observatory, asking that he be made a Life Member. He was elected by unanimous vote.

Mr. HARLOW SHAPLEY was elected as an Active Member of the Society.

The matter of increasing the membership of the Society and reducing the dues was introduced by President AITKEN and discussed by the Board.

On motion of TOWNLEY, seconded by CUSHING, President AITKEN was appointed a committee of one, with authority to add such other members as he may think fit, and instructed to submit recommendations at the next meeting of the Board.

Attention of the Board was called to the fact that little use is made of the library of the Society—and opinions invited as to the policy of turning the books on hand over to one of the large popular libraries of the city of San Francisco.

The Library Committee was instructed to investigate the matter and report at next meeting.

Adjourned.

D. S. RICHARDSON, *Secretary.*

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASTRONOMICAL
SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY
HALL OF THE PHELAN BUILDING, SAN FRANCISCO,
ON JANUARY 29, 1916, AT 8:00 O'CLOCK P. M.

President R. G. AITKEN in the chair.

On motion of Director LEUSCHNER the minutes of the last annual meeting were approved as printed.